

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to obviate the necessity for a negative limitation and to clarify an objected-to term. Direct support for this amendment is found in the specification on page 13 in paragraph 44. It will be noted that the meaning of “proximal” is inherent in the claim since the proximity must be sufficient for pairs to be observed.

Thus, no new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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